

LA PAZ CENTRO/AMHERST SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2007

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This year we continued to support 26 scholarship students. The first four students from our scholarship program graduated in December 2006. They were all able to continue on with some form of higher education.

In February 2007, our committee sponsored another delegation from Amherst to La Paz Centro. In fact, eight of the Committee members were included in the delegation, along with ten others from Amherst, both youth and adults. The delegates took school and medical supplies, stayed in separate homes and helped to build a covered pavilion that can potentially be a location for community activities.

While they were there, the delegation was able to view several homes that had been or were being renovated as part of the Habitat program. Unfortunately, the Habitat project has been limited by the change in the Nicaraguan government, and the freezing of the government's share of funding.

We continue to support the Sister City program through three major annual fundraising efforts:

1. a September tag sale on the Town Common
2. a fundraising letter sent out in November
3. coffee sales at Town Meeting

We continue to seek ways to involve more of the La Paz Centro community in our Sister City projects. But we are very happy indeed with the success of the scholarship program in particular.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Z. Stanek
Chairperson